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By reference to a large-scale map, Powers pointed out a spot near a small village where he thought he had landed. This location checked with prior testimony given by Powers as to physical features, directions, and distances and also corresponded with earlier independent information not known to Powers that certain of the persons who captured him lived in this same small village.

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On all the information available, therefore, it is the conclusion of the Board of Inquiry which reviewed Mr. Powers' case and of the Director of Central Intelligence, who has carefully studied the Board's report and has discussed it with the Board, that Mr. Powers lived up to the terms of his employment and instructions in connection with his mission and his obligations as an American under the circumstances in which he found himself.

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For the confidential information of this committee, a highly significant point should be noted that cannot be given out for general discussion. As you will understand when you hear it, if this information were released it could have a serious adverse effect on anyone who is now in the hands of the Russians or fell into their hands hereafter.

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Both of these items are of such propaganda importance that it seems certain the Russians would have used them if they had known of them from Powers. This tends to corroborate his statement, which is supported by polygraph tests, that he successfully withheld this information from his captors. Other examples are the maximum altitude of the plane which I have mentioned before. He heard his captors speak of 20,000 meters as the height they had ascertained, and by conversion he accepted the figure 68,000 feet as being approximately this figure and they apparently took this to be the maximum capability of the

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plane, although actually it is several thousand feet short thereof. His interrogators expressed keen interest in the location of the headquarters of the U-2 project in Washington, and when Powers feigned ignorance they asked him such questions as where he stayed in Washington. He told them the Dupont Plaza, although he actually stayed at the Roger Smith but he felt that was so close to headquarters as to give too good a hint of its whereabouts. It appears, therefore, that the instructions to him to talk freely in areas where he would estimate the Soviets would or could already possess the information enabled him to demonstrate apparent frankness to the extent his captors thought he was telling all he knew. He appears to have exercised considerable ingenuity in this regard, and his account is borne out by the polygraph tests.

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